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A public protest

Haliburton's Chris Briggs waves a flag during a rally for healthcare union, SEIU in front of the Haliburton hospital on Wednesday, Aug. 4. The rally was held to bring attention to the province's Bill 124, which limits compensation increase for public sector workers to one per cent annually. There was also a rally earlier in the day outside the medical centre in Minden. The SEIU represents 60,000 frontline health care workers. They announced there will be a province-wide union action in partnership with union, OCHU-CUPE on Friday, Sept. 10. /

DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton optometrists prepare for job action, calling for 'fair pay'

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

The Ontario Association of Optometrists (OAO) have voted to stop all non-emergency OHIP-covered services and procedures starting Sept. 1 unless the Ontario government takes measures to provide adequate funding.

This means that as of Sept. 1, anyone that tries to book an OHIP-covered eye exam with an optometrist in Ontario, including Haliburton County, will be turned down, with the exception of emergencies.

"It's a cumulative action to help all optometrists across Ontario. It's really not an individual choice, we have to think as a collective group, and we have to work as a unified collective group to go towards

finding a solution that not just helps certain optometrists in certain places, but then can work for the overall betterment of the optometry profession," said Kindarpal Singh, who, alongside his wife Dr. Amardeep Bhogal, recently relocated to Haliburton.

Singh, who was trained overseas, is waiting for his license that will allow him to become a practicing optometrist in Canada. He will be joining the team at Hali-

burton Vision Care Centre shortly.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott informed the *Echo* that this was an issue she was working hard on, in an attempt to find a reasonable resolution.

"I recently met with OAO, who represent our local members as well. I've been in communication with the Ministry of Health..."

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MooseFM set to host annual Radiothon to benefit HHHSF

GRACE OBORNE
Staff Reporter

The power of radio is not that it speaks to thousands, even millions of individuals, but rather it speaks intimately to each one of those people at a localized, community-oriented level.

Knowing this, every year 93.5 MooseFM hosts their annual Haliburton Highlands Health Radiothon. This week, on Aug. 12 and 13, anyone can tune in, and call to make a donation between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. There will also be an online donation drop box as well.

The Radiothon raises funds for Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation, who in turn use those funds to purchase vital pieces of equipment, or make important upgrades at our hospitals in Haliburton and Minden.

“The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is an incorporated registered Canadian charity that financially supports the hospital and health care facilities in Haliburton County for capital projects, equipment, education programs and community support services. The Foundation does not provide funds for the operation of the facilities,” noted the foundation’s website.

Each year, the foundation identifies a different piece of equipment that they’re raising funds for. This year, funds are being raised for “Workstations on Wheels,” or WOW for short, for the new clinical information systems at both Haliburton and Minden hospitals.

The first Radiothon for the HHHS Foundation took place 14 years ago, in 2007. At the time, the radio station was just getting started as well.

“The radio station itself was just getting going back in those days. The owner and president at the time wanted to help out a charity, and so they came together [the station, and foundation] with a plan of doing a Radiothon. That’s simply how it started,” noted broadcaster and host for MooseFM, Rick Lowes.

With a successful Radiothon, comes a lot of planning and time.

“It’s the kind of thing that takes a while to put together. We finish one year and we immediately start talking about next year. Rick Lowes and the team at MooseFM, they’re the great professionals and do a wonderful job of making it all happen. We also make sure that we have the backup support to help take the calls



Rick Lowes is excited to go live on air for yet another Radiothon, in benefit of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. This year’s event will take place over the course of two days, Aug. 12 and 13. /File photo

and make sure that the listeners are responded to quickly when they make their pledges, so it’s kind of an ongoing process all the time,” said HHHS foundation executive director, Lisa Tompkins.

This year’s Radiothon will have a few prizes and specials throughout the day. There will also be frequent opportunities for people to be acknowledged online.

“Sometimes people will call in and make a challenge. Say they’re a resident on a particular lake, they may call in and challenge their fellow lake association members, fellow cottagers, or fellow residents to also make a donation. Ultimately, we have lots of fun over those two days,” said Tompkins.

“It’s exciting because there’s something constantly happening. We’re interviewing people all day long, and other than COVID years, we have a lot of people coming in and out of the studio as well. So it’s an exciting time, and I look forward to it,” added Lowes.

COVID-19 has changed the way the annual Radiothon operates, however, it doesn’t mean it’s slowed the station or the foundation down. Instead, it’s advanced their efforts.

“COVID has certainly changed our ways. One of the big things that changed is that people could also make donations online. This started last year, and we hope to see people continue to do it again this year,” noted Tompkins.

Tompkins and Lowes expressed how important the annual Radiothon is to the community and healthcare.

“I think the Radiothon has become a great opportunity for us, to reach out and speak to a number of listeners about how important healthcare is in our community. It also helps us to reach not just local residents, but also visitors to the Haliburton area who are listening to MooseFM,” said Tompkins.

“It’s important for the future of the community. There is nothing more important than a health care facility that can provide for the community that lives here or visits here, so when people listen to the Radiothon, they are helping us to help health care facilities which ultimately help us, you know? It’s a circle,” concluded Lowes.

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County declares end to state of emergency

The County of Haliburton has declared an end to the state of emergency associated with the COVID-19 pandemic at the upper-tier level.

“The County of Haliburton is ending this declaration as we no longer require the operational flexibility it provides,” Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen said in a press release. “While we are optimistic the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us, we encourage our community to remain vigilant in following public health guidelines. We encourage everyone who is able to get a

vaccine to do so at your earliest convenience.”

The release specified that the county will continue to follow provincial recommendation regarding pandemic response.

The county and most of its lower-tier townships declared a state of emergency associated with the pandemic on March 17, 2020. As of press time, the Township of Minden Hills had also lifted its state of emergency.

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Winner, winner

Heather Phillips, president of the Rotary Club of Haliburton presents a cheque for \$33,000 to Laurie and Ross Burk of Haliburton - the happy winners of the local Rotary Club’s annual car draw. Laurie and Ross decided to take the cash instead of the brand new 2021 Chevrolet Camaro - although their immediate plans for the money is to buy a new vehicle. Also in the photo is Andrew Hodgson, a Haliburton Rotary member who had the pleasure of selling the winning car ticket to the Burks. The couple have been participating in the annual raffle for 37 years. /Submitted photo

Warden 'impressed' with bylaw debate

MIKE BAKER

Editor

While there was no participation from Haliburton County councillors during the recent public open house for a proposed shoreline preservation bylaw, county warden Liz Danielsen said she was "very impressed" by the high level of insight and information shared by the 21 speakers who participated in the event.

Speaking to the *Echo* this week, Danielsen stated the open house, held on July 29, was an important step as county officials and consultants continue working on a bylaw that suits all parties.

"There was a variety of perspectives, and almost everyone was respectful... A number of suggestions were made during that open house that will be considered in the overall mix of input that we are receiving," Danielsen said.

As reported in last week's edition of the *Echo*, Haliburton County is working to establish a bylaw that, it hopes, will protect the health and water quality of lakes across the Highlands. Back in January, a draft bylaw was tabled outlining several key items designed to protect water quality. Perhaps the most controversial point was the inclusion of a 30-metre development setback, essentially outlawing any and all construction within close proximity of any water body.

Several area residents have hit out at the proposed legislation, saying it infringes upon private land owners' property rights.

In an attempt to promote further public engagement, consultants Hutchinson Environmental Sciences and JL Richards

Associates will soon launch an online survey, which will be available on the county's website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca. The plan then is to gather up all the information they have been provided, including independently conducted research, and provide a progress report to council on Aug. 25.

From there, a new draft bylaw will be prepared for council's consideration, and further input will be sought from stakeholders and the public through a second open house, set for September.

Danielsen expects a final draft bylaw to be presented by the end of October.

Reflecting further on the need to establish a shoreline preservation bylaw, Danielsen indicated it is county council's responsibility to look after what she believes to be the Highlands' most important resource – our water.

"County council and a very large percentage of our residents agree that we absolutely must protect the resource that is the foundation of our wellbeing, the lifestyle we enjoy, the value of our homes and our economy," Danielsen said.

Most important though, the warden noted county council was committed to developing a bylaw that satisfies people on both sides of the proverbial fence.

"A bylaw has to be manageable and reasonably affordable as well. We are committed to developing something that is fair and as workable as we can," Danielsen said. "I would ask folks to remember that any bylaw that is adopted will be a living document that can be amended if it's not working as we hope."

Again, for more information on the shoreline preservation bylaw, visit www.haliburtoncounty.ca.



Honk for healthcare

There was plenty of energy on display for the rally for healthcare union, SEIU in front of the Haliburton hospital last Wednesday, Aug. 4./DARREN LUM Staff



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County cottager exhibits photography at Twist Gallery

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

When one takes an image, they're freezing a moment, and that reveals how rich reality can truly be. For photographers, this is one of the most special moments they can experience in their careers.

Twist Gallery in downtown Toronto is exhibiting a group show called *Life Through a Lens*, with Haliburton's Huw Morgan set to exhibit his photography series called *City in Motion* from Aug. 4 to 28, along with 6 other photographers.

Raised in the UK, Morgan, who has had a cottage in the community for close to 40 years, has been passionate about photography ever since he was a child, although it wasn't until 2015 that he decided to pursue it seriously.

Morgan attended the Haliburton School of Arts + Design, taking their photography certificate program.

"It was a really good program, and it [had] a different instructor every week. I learned all the skills of photography. Everything from darkroom, to how to shoot product photography, how to shoot models, and how to shoot landscapes. It was multidisciplinary," said Morgan.

Morgan has two different avenues to his photographic style. He'll come up with an idea to work towards and take photographs for a couple of years to bolster that idea.

"I have sort of two practises. I have an event photography practise, where I do weddings, corporate events, and that sort of thing. Then I'm also the official photographer for the Peterborough Symphony



Huw Morgan will be showcasing his work at the Twist Gallery, *Life Through a Lens* exhibition. He has chosen 8 pieces from his *City in Motion* series to be exhibited. /Photo by Huw Morgan

Orchestra, and that's one part of my practise. I have a fine art practise as well, and my fine art practices conceptual photography," said Morgan.

The first major project that Morgan took on was a series called *Traces of Settlement*. He exhibited that at the Kawartha Art Gallery in Lindsay. The inspiration behind it was the abandonment of buildings in Ontario.

"I did a whole series... about abandoned houses and abandoned industrial

buildings all over southern Ontario and Haliburton County. The whole theme looked at how nature is taking back from civilization as we abandon things. In Haliburton, we used to have a very large farming community of which [most] is gone, so there are lots of abandoned farm houses and abandoned factories that are dotting the landscape as well," said Morgan.

Now, he is thrilled to be able to share his work from his *City in Motion* series.

This series is all about capturing vitality, motion, and energy of the big city.

"The first inspiration came from another photographer who does a very similar thing, but his mood is very different. He captured similar kind of images with multiple exposures but they tell a story of faceless people. It's a very bleak approach that says we have no individuality. His work is in black and white, and I instead, decided to use that technique, but flip it around and say, in Toronto we're all individuals, and we're very colourful," explained Morgan.

Morgan was able to choose eight different photographs that will be exhibited at the *Life Through a Lens* showcase.

"They're really the eight pieces that I think tell the story of the city so they're mostly happy energetic pieces, but there are a couple that show how cruel the city can be as well. For example, there's one that shows two guys dressed up, and they're doing their darndest to entertain on a very cold bleak winter's night and you can see this steady stream of faceless pedestrians passing by and nobody's stopping to put any money in their little plate."

"I really love photography, because it just freezes time. It's an art form I can do and it really harmonizes well with my background in digital and information technology. So I love everything about digital photography. I love capturing the images, then processing them after in Lightroom and Photoshop. It's very satisfying," Morgan added.

With the pandemic restrictions slowly lifting, Morgan is looking forward to

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'There's nothing like seeing an exhibition in the flesh'

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showcasing his work at Twist Gallery.

"More people are starting to feel positive about going out now and a lot of my friends are saying that they're all happy to go out and see the show and enjoy it, so it's really, really great. The galleries around Haliburton are opening up as well. I would recommend that everybody goes to the gallery in Minden and the Rails End Gallery, because there's nothing like seeing an exhibition in the flesh," said Morgan.

Morgan has photographs from his *Traces of Settlement* and *Haliburton Landmark* series for sale in the gift shop at Rails End Gallery.

For more on Morgan's exhibition, or to see more of his work, visit his Instagram @huwmorganphotography.



Huw Morgan will be showcasing his work at the Twist Gallery, *Life Through a Lens* exhibition. He has chosen 8 pieces from his *City in Motion* series to be exhibited. /Photo by Huw Morgan

Dysart to host Household Hazardous Waste Day event this weekend

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Dysart et al will be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Day event this Saturday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Harcourt Landfill.

Residents may dispose of items such as aerosol cans, automotive fluids automotive and household batteries, cleaners, fluorescent and CFL light bulbs, gasoline, paint, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, propane cylinders and tanks, and used motor oil.

These materials often have either a corrosive, flamma-

ble, or poisonous symbol on their packaging, and are not safe to simply throw in the garbage.

Dysart residents can drop off these items free of charge, as long as they present a valid Dysart landfill identification card.

To comply with COVID-19 safety protocols, residents are asked not to leave their vehicles at the drop off location. Staff on site will unload all waste items from vehicles.

John Watson, Dysart's environmental manager, said this weekend's event is for residents only, and that staff would not be accepting hazardous waste from businesses and organizations, including builders, camps,

charities, contractors, painting companies, places of worship, restaurants, retailers and schools.

"Improper disposal of household hazardous waste can contaminate our soil, water, forests, air and wildlife," Watson noted in a release to media. "Recycling of household hazardous [waste] is important to protecting our environment."

In 2020, Dysart collected 64,461 pounds of household hazardous waste during the municipality's Household Hazardous Waste Day events.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

A summer to remember

AS I REFLECT on how my summer has gone thus far, from the hammock in which I sit in, I look out only to see the sun beaming onto Canning Lake. I can also hear laughter that exhilarates through family and friends, and I think to myself, this has been a summer for the books. I ask myself how it has already been a month. It's crazy how fast time flies when you're having fun, working hard, and enjoying life.

I remember my first day of work like it was yesterday. I was so anxious that working for the *Echo/Times* was going to be way above my knowledge and abilities as a student. I was worried that I wasn't going to succeed at a reporting position, or even worse, that I wasn't going to enjoy it. Instead, it has been the greatest and most rewarding experience I've had in a long time. Working for the *Echo/Times* has made me realize that being a journalist is something I really want to pursue.

Although I speak highly of how my time in this position has been so far, it hasn't been perfect every minute of the way, and I mean that my work hasn't been perfect. Day to day, I get constant feedback on how I can better my writing, reporting, and photography skills. As a journalism student, I feel it is one of the best parts of my job. I've been able to take advice from professional journalists and put it toward the material I produce. More than that, I'll take that new knowledge and apply it to the work I carry out in school.

Within the first two weeks that my work was being published, there had been a few instances where people had reached out just to tell me that my writing is terrible and that I shouldn't work towards the profession of journalism. Though, at the time, that criticism I received was discouraging, now that I look back on it, those words

have really only encouraged me to work harder. I've learned that this will happen again throughout my career, but the best way to go about it is to stay positive and move on.

Overall, Haliburton County and its community have been wonderful to work with. Everyone has been so welcoming and engaging. It was hard to walk into a new community, but each and every person I've crossed paths with has made it easier. I genuinely become excited for each assignment that I receive because it means I'm able to engage with more individuals in the community. I can't wait to meet many more of you.

Aside from writing and reporting for the papers, when I'm not working, I spend my time with my boyfriend's family and friends, or I go back home to visit family and friends. However, more often than not, I choose to stay at the cottage. Why would one want to leave when they wake up every morning to a view of the lake?

My boyfriend and his family have been an amazing support system for me while I've been

away from my own family. They've gone out of their way to make me feel at home as well, and continue to support me and my work every day.

Another reason I love working in Haliburton is because during the week I'm able to write and do what I love, then on my time off, I get to spend time with people I love. Whether that is here on the lake, or back home in the city. Ultimately, between work and family, I've been having the best summer.

I look forward to the rest of my time working with the *Echo/Times* and to making many more memories with friends and family.

Please reach out anytime at grace@haliburtonpress.com if you have a lead on a story or if you just simply want to chat.



GRACE OBORE
Reporter



Reaching for the sky

by Darren Lum

Wishing for a different ending

AS JIM SLIPPED into the water he wondered about leeches; or blood suckers as they used to call them when he was a kid. After a hot afternoon of brush work, the cool green lake felt like an instant vacation. His work for the day was done. Supper was leftovers in the fridge. And Gus, his beagle, watched him from shore with one eye open, the other closed in semi-sleep.

This had always been Jim's favourite place. As a youngster he and his siblings would cannonball off the dock and later, briefly, learn to water ski before becoming more interested in spending time with the opposite sex. But for Jim, this was where he came when he needed to think through a problem or not think at all. The shady shore and huge rocks that rimmed it were a balm to his senses.

Today, Jim knew thinking about leeches was just a distraction from other thoughts. His friend Monika had called him that morning to say she had just learned her brother Mike had died. Jim knew Mike from those cannonball and water skiing days. He also knew Mike had developed a problem with alcohol over the years.

It had been sad to watch the guy stumble around at the two families' yearly barbeques. Mike would arrive with a twelve pack and it would always be obvious he had been imbibing before showing up for the burgers and potato salad. A divorce, estranged children and series of failed relationships seemed to have driven him increasingly toward the bottle. Of course, Jim had always wondered which had come first: the drinking or the unhappy life.

No one wanted to talk to him about it. When he was under the influence, his personality changed and he could be quite nasty. Even aggressive. Neither family nor friends wished to be on the receiving end so they pretended 'that's just Mike' and gave him a wide berth.

Jim had tried to have a conversation with him a few years back. The two

men had stood in this very spot with the water halfway up their chests, cooling off after a day of putting together a new dock. Mike had been throwing back the beers as they worked but his tolerance was such that it didn't seem to effect him. As they had stood there, feeling the lake's embrace pushing out heat and fatigue, the wet sand oozed between their toes. Out in the bay the speed boats had taken a break. The only sound was the water pushing against their skin and the blue jays calling to each other as they dipped between maples.

As soon as Jim brought up the topic of drinking he knew it was a mistake. He had tried to take a light approach,

saying how on a hot day it was so easy to overdo it and then pay for it later. Mike had turned on him and asked what he was talking about. When Jim said he worried about Mike, since he was one of his oldest friends, Mike would have none of it. After telling Jim to mind his own business and not be so judgemental, Mike had walked back to shore and gone home.

It was the last conversation the two men had. Jim had tried to reconnect but Mike had never

responded. Now it was too late.

When she phoned Jim that morning, Monika said Mike had died in a car crash. Apparently he had been on his way to the liquor store, rushing to make it before closing time and had run a stop sign. Neighbours knew of his destination because every afternoon he left the house on the same quest. But that day a plumbing problem had delayed him.

Monika had been pretty upset when she called. Mike had been her baby brother and despite his problem drinking, she had managed to stay close with him over the years. They just never talked about what was really going on.

Now Jim eased onto his back, floating starfish-style beneath a blue dome of sky. Life could be so good, he thought. What a shame it wasn't that way for everyone.

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points of view

Trendsetter

Anyone who has ever witnessed me strolling around town wearing Crocs and socks might have a hard time believing this, but I am not what you would call a trendsetter.

For instance, my shortening of the phrase “no worries” to the more succinct and relevant “worry” has never quite caught on, even though it is far more appropriate these days.

Nevertheless, I’m happy to report that my trendsetter status changed this morning, after I listened to a radio talk show that announced that the latest and greatest trend is maximalism.

Maximalists, the guest explained, are people who collect all sorts of stuff and fill their houses with it. Evidently, this is the opposite of minimalists (who, for example, take great comfort in having one grape in a bowl). Apparently, this trend is an offshoot of the pandemic. The guest said that since we have had to spend more time inside, people are now taking more joy in being surrounded by their possessions since they are reminders of pleasant memories or good times to come.

To be clear, it is not hoarding. Hoarding is what other people do.

Not to brag, but I have been a maximalist all my life – and, in fact, have gotten more skilled at it as I have aged. Right now, I would call myself a world-class maximalist. If it were an Olympic sport, I would win many medals – but only because they would



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make a great collection.

Currently, I have the contents of an entire fly-fishing shop in my basement. I also have scores of fantasy novels and somewhere around 500 volumes on hunting and fishing, as well as one book that Jenn gave me on de-cluttering, which I can’t for the life of me find. Add to that all manner of archery, camping, backpacking and bowhunting equipment, furs, antlers, feathers and a shed full of waterfowling gear, closets full of deer hunting stuff and a score of other outdoors items that I will one day use – or at least take comfort in.

Yes, long before it became fashionable, I was taking great solace from all these things. For instance, I can’t look at my Conan the Barbarian collection, without smiling and thinking of the time I ate an entire Swiss Chalet chicken without the aid of cutlery, napkins or self-loathing.

I was a maximalist before it was a thing.

So, if you are now taking far too much joy in your possessions, you can thank me and all the other trendsetters who led the way.

Frankly, this is liberating.

Finally, people like me and my best friend in Grade 3, Gary, who had an inspiring collection of dried worms, can hold our heads up high, knowing that we have blazed a cluttered trail for people like you to follow.

Make no mistake. This is more than just vindication for all the times that my mother made me clean my room. It is also vindication for all the times that Jenn made me clean my room.

Yet, being a trendsetter is not all sunshine and roses. It is accompanied by a tinge of sadness too. For all trends end and are eventually looked upon as really stupid.

I told this to Jenn and then asked, “What happens when the trend I started ends?”

“Worry,” she replied.

I guess it did catch on.



pic of the past

A photo of Harry Brown and his son Paul standing in front of the old Kosy Korner in Haliburton. The pair had been fishing on Drag Lake, and caught a 20 lbs trout. The photo was taken around 1950. /Submitted by Paul Brown.

letters to the editor

Please, just take your garbage home

To the Editor

Re: Litter Letter, published July 20

Spring has sprung, the grass has ris’
Along roadside ditches the garbage is!
Cups from Tim’s, and bottles and more
Plastics and cans and junk galore!
Flung from a window of a passing car
From those who are local or those from afar.

Why do folks do it I don’t understand
Cluttering and spoiling our beautiful land!
Surely you know it’s everyone’s duty
To protect our Highlands in all its beauty!!
And so I just ask you wherever you roam
Please pack up your garbage and just take it home!

Lois Rigney
Canning Lake

Let’s move the needle and get youth vaccinated against COVID-19

As parents, we want what’s best for our children and teens. We want to offer support, protection, and advice. Although hugs may be a tougher sell for teenagers, they are important too – just like COVID-19 vaccines.

Right now, getting our youth vaccinated for COVID-19 is essential, especially before the start of school. The headlines are correct, a fourth wave of COVID-19 is likely this fall. While many older people are fully vaccinated, young people 12-17 years of age have the lowest COVID-19 vaccination rate of any age group in our region.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective and approved for use in anyone 12 years and older (COVID-19 vaccines for younger children are still in clinical trials and awaiting regulatory approval for use). Two doses of Pfizer vaccine are needed for full protection, and the good news, is that there is plenty of supply locally, so no youth has to go unvaccinated and unprotected.

We know our youth are strong, resilient, and if sick with COVID-19, usually experience mild side effects. This is not the case for others whom a youth may encounter, should they be infected with COVID-19.

With an increase in fully vaccinated youth, we stand a better chance against a fourth COVID-19 wave caused by the highly-infectious Delta variant. Simply put, if our young, able-bodied constituents aren’t protected from this even more dangerous variant, then neither are we as a community.

Let’s encourage our teens to get vaccinated. Urge them to do it for the grandparent who has been isolated in a long-term care home and wants to give her grandchild a big hug. Do it so they can go back to in-person learning in September to see all their friends and favourite teachers. Do it so they can get back to what they love doing – hockey, dance, art class or hanging out with friends.

With fall, a new school year and (unfortunately) a fourth COVID-19 wave quickly approaching, the time to act, the time to get vaccinated is now. As parents, we need to move the needle and encourage our youth to get vaccinated. For their sake, our piece of mind, and our community’s protection!

Dr. Natalie Bocking
HKPR medical officer of health

Penguins' star one of West Guilford's favourite sons

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Former NHLer and soon-to-be Haliburton Highlands Hall of Famer Ron Stackhouse will always be a source of inspiration to those looking to chase their dreams.

Born Aug. 26, 1949, Stackhouse towers over most, standing a little more than 6'3" and close to 200 pounds, the soft-spoken man, originally from West Guilford, never forgot where he came from, even after reaching super stardom.

He was drafted by the Oakland Golden Seals in the second round, eighteenth overall in 1969 NHL Draft.

Both his parents were not typical hockey parents.

Only a few weeks after he was drafted, his father died. His mother would do her best to attend his NHL games and is his "biggest fan, for sure."

Stackhouse credits his hockey start to fellow Hall of Fame inductee Ab LaRue, community builder and a central figure in Haliburton behind the construction of a hockey arena with artificial ice, and credited with bringing the Haliburton Huskies to town, and respected hockey mind Roger Neilson, who helped him develop his game after two years playing for him with the Peterborough Petes.

He figured once he left Peterborough

his hockey days were over. A draft wasn't even on his radar.

"When the two years were up ... I didn't even know there was a draft. That's how far back in the bush I was from. I had no idea. It was only a few years before they outlawed the NHL teams from owning the junior teams, and up until a couple years before that there were still guys playing that were owned by whatever NHL team," he said.

His life changed forever the summer after his season with the Petes when a letter arrived at his home in West Guilford. Hockey was furthest from his mind.

"Well, that's my hockey career. And I get a letter from early summer from the Oakland Seals, saying, 'We drafted you. Welcome to our organization. You'll get a letter later in the summer and we'll be making arrangements to contact you and let you know about training camp.' Well, this is exciting. Where the hell is Oakland?" I had to look it up on the map," he said, laughing.

Drafted players typically signed with an NHL franchise for \$3,000, he said. Then they were paid \$7,500 to play for the American Hockey League affiliate team and were paid \$10,000 when they played in the NHL, he added.

"That was sort of how it worked. So, I thought, hmmm, that's more than I can make in Haliburton. We're talking a long time ago. So it sounded like a good deal to me. I was so clueless," he said.

Most players like him at the time didn't have an agent. It wasn't until his third or fourth year of professional hockey that he hired one, Stackhouse said.

His 12-year NHL career included stints with the Seals, the Detroit Red Wings, and then the Pittsburgh Penguins, where he played for nine seasons, which included an unforgettable all-star game appearance in 1980.

Scoring in his only all-star game appearance on Pete Peters of Philadelphia Flyers proved to be among the top NHL highlights for Stackhouse.

"I mean Gordie Howe was on my team and Guy Lafleur. Guys like that and Darryl Sittler. Guys like this. I actually scored a goal and it was a breakaway goal. Lafleur, up to Sittler, up to Stackhouse. He's in the clear. Scored a goal, top shelf," he said. "Just being in the same dressing room with all these guys, who were essentially legends."

Another highlight was when he tallied six assists in Pittsburgh, which is an NHL record for a single game that still stands.

"I think it was the only time, however many years I spent in Pittsburgh, that I actually got an ovation from the fans," he said. "The fans used to boo the [crap out of] me all the time. They expected me to beat the crap out of somebody. When things weren't going well they would harass me and I wasn't a very happy camper in Pittsburgh."

He adds for all his statistical success,

often one of the top scoring defencemen in the league, the fans never warmed to him and he tried to get traded several times to no avail. He finds it a little surprising that he is now mentioned among some of the best Penguins' players ever, pointing to a 50-year commemoration calendar that includes his likeness along with legendary players such as Mario Lemieux and Sidney Crosby.

Locally, his achievements are being recognized with an induction to the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame this autumn.

Stackhouse said this is an honour and reminded him of how surprised he felt with having his likeness added to the side of the arena in Haliburton.

"The fact they put my picture on the side of the arena, like, what brought this on sort of thing? Because I really am a small town boy. I never really got knocked over by the stardom side of things. I was pretty down to earth," he said.

He appreciates the way the Hall of Fame has recognized a group that represents the diversity of sports.

"Hockey was such a big part of sports up here and I guess sometimes it's taken front and centre, but I'm really glad they've approached this sports Hall of Fame the way they have. None of this is about being politically correct. It's recognizing people in a variety of things that

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Residents urged to check freezers for potentially contaminated frozen mango products

MIKE BAKER

Editor

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is warning local residents about a batch of potentially contaminated frozen mango products, believed to contain traces of Hepatitis A.

The unit says it is aware that packages of the frozen fruit have been sold in some stores in Haliburton County, as well as in City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County. While the identity of those stores was not made public, the health unit did release specific details surrounding the brands of frozen mangos that are potentially tainted.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency issued a food recall warning on July 30 relating to Nature's Touch Frozen Food

Inc.

Those include: Nature's Touch frozen mangos, 2 kg size, UPC number 873668001807 with a best before date of Nov. 9, 2022; Compliments frozen mango mania, 600 gram size, UPC number 055742504309 with a best before date of Nov. 10, 2022 and Dec. 18, 2022; Irresistibles frozen mango chunks, 600 gram size, UPC number 059749876001 with a best before date of Nov. 10, 2022; and President's Choice frozen mango chunks, 600 gram size, UPC number 060383993870 with a best before date of Nov. 6, 2022 and Nov. 10, 2022.

"We strongly urge anyone who purchased these frozen mango products to avoid eating them and immediately dispose or return the items to the store," says Dr. Natalie Bocking, medical officer of health with the HKPR district health unit. "If you have eaten this affected product

within the last 14 days, please contact your health care provider or the health unit to receive post-exposure prophylaxis care, which may involve getting the Hepatitis A vaccine."

Hepatitis A is a highly contagious liver infection. Symptoms usually appear within 14 to 28 days of exposure, but can take up to 50 days to appear. Symptoms can include fever, stomach pain, dark urine, nausea and vomiting, tiredness, loss of appetite, jaundice, and clay or ash-coloured bowel movements. Individuals may be infected, but not have symptoms.

Hepatitis A is usually spread by eating or drinking food or water contaminated with the virus. It may also be spread through close contact with an infectious person.


People can call HKPR at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 1507 for more information. Health unit staff are also contacting local stores

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We strongly urge anyone who purchased these frozen mango products to avoid eating them and immediately dispose or return the items to the store

— Dr. Natalie Bocking

that may have sold the frozen mango products to ensure they are removed from the shelves.



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NHL great Ron Stackhouse looks back fondly on pro career

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are important to a lot of people. Hockey is important to a significant number of people, but it's only one aspect of sports. It's good to know that people from these other things are getting recognized," he said.

LaRue, an inductee in the builder category, was pivotal for players such as Stackhouse, who returned to play for the Huskies for one season in the 1960s.

"You know, I wouldn't be in the NHL if it wasn't for Ab LaRue," he said. "I was just 16 years old. He and a bunch of other guys got behind building the new arena... and doors opened up for me," he said.

He also credits the builders, the coaches and hockey dads, who he remembers helped with different team aspects such as transportation. He can still remember piling into a Volkswagen bug with three or four other boys.

When his playing days were over, Stackhouse returned to school, attending York University and Trent University. He then returned home to teach at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for 25 years before retiring. Now, he splits his time between his home in Minden and Florida.

With close to three decades of teaching under his belt, he understands the role the Hall of Fame can serve in the community, particularly for the next generation to learn about where the community has come from, he said.

"For a small town, there have been a lot of people who have achieved a lot with respect to implementing sport, as part of life. You have groups, who are only focused on one sport perhaps, but it doesn't really matter what the sport is. The idea is some people from this small area have excelled big time. And behind someone's success there are usually a lot of supporters along the way," he said.

Stackhouse is and was living proof of what is possible.

He inspired fellow West Guilford son, Bernie Nicholls, who is also being inducted this autumn. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Kings and played for 18 years in the NHL. He finished as a proven scorer, scoring 475 goals and added 734 assists. Few players can match his single-season high of 70 goals, as part of a 150 point total in the 1988-1989 season.

Stackhouse admits his opportunities were not all within his control.

His first year playing for the Seals' affiliate team in Providence wasn't without its challenges.

He remembers falling down while skating backwards, which led to unfavourable newspaper articles about him. Fans there didn't fully appreciate his style of game, which didn't focus on playing the rough and tumble style, which was popular. At some point in the season, he only played away games, he said. The next season fate stepped in to give him an opportunity.

"Fate, fortune plays a role. Some guys got hurt. Guys had contract disputes. The first thing you know I'm on a plane to California and California was just amazing. I had a great year. I had too good of a year," he said, referring to the 32 points he finished with. "They ended up trading me the next year to Detroit for Tommy Webster, who was their best player," he said.

He enjoyed his time in Detroit, but was traded to Pittsburgh after less than three years.

It was there that he truly hit his stride and was considered among the top scoring defencemen in the league during the 1970s. Although the Penguins management loved him, the fans never appreciated his attributes, wanting him to use his size to play more physically with opposing teams, such as rival Philadelphia Flyers. When Stackhouse left hockey he was looking for a new start and it might have taken a bit of time following hockey, but he's finally found happiness in retirement.

"There I am in Pittsburgh ... I walked away from two years and an option on a \$140,000 contract, which was pretty good money back then. My ex-wife was unhappy. I was hurting. Both shoulders were separated. Well, if I get out of hockey maybe things will turnaround. Well, it did. My wife and I split, and here I am [decades later]. As I told you before, I'm a really happy guy and in a wonderful comfort zone in my life and things are really good," he said.



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Drastic increase in thefts across Haliburton County

Haliburton Highlands OPP are warning the public to keep an eye out and make sure their possessions are locked up following a recent increase in property thefts within the community.

Since July 1, the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have received reports of approximately a dozen thefts of vehicles, licence plates and catalytic converters. Police would like to make the public aware of these incidents and to provide some tips to keep your possessions safe:

Officers are recommending individuals install video surveillance at various locations around their property; Install an alarm system; Keep doors to vehicles locked and do not leave valuable items in your vehicle; and Install motion censored lights on your property

All of the above noted incidents are under investigation and there is no concern for public safety.

If you have information or video surveillance that may assist in these investigations, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or contact Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

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When: Wed. August 18 at 7 pm

Where: online: Please see www.environmenthaliburton.org to register

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Cost: no charge, everyone welcome

For more info, call Terry Moore at 705-306-9254

Local optometrists have 'mixed emotions' over looming strike

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...On this long standing issue, and have been assured that working on a solution is a priority. To be clear, our government will continue to fund OHIP optometry services," Scott said.

The Ministry of Health provided an update on Monday morning (Aug. 9), stating negotiations between the province and the OAO were underway.

"The Ministry of Health and the Ontario Association of Optometrists (OAO) resumed discussions concerning our shared commitment to develop a plan that is fair, sustainable and effective in supporting the province's optometrists in delivering high-quality care to Ontarians now and into the future," the update read.

"To that end, on Aug. 6, the Ministry proposed to engage a third-party expert mediator to assist us in finding a resolution and the OAO is considering this option," the statement continued.

OHIP covers eye exams for seniors, children under the age of 19, and adults with medical conditions. Optometrists are reimbursed for services that are provided to people in these groups.

According to Dr. Rene Benoit, an optometrist in Haliburton, those reimbursement rates, around \$45, no longer reflect the true cost of OHIP-covered procedures.

"The basic overhead cost to deliver this service has been calculated by the Association to be \$90 per examination, leaving optometrists to absorb the \$45 difference, and this has become a completely untenable situation, because the approximate \$45 fee paid to optometrists for subsidized eye examinations has not changed since 1989, 32 years, when overhead costs of delivering eye-exams was far, far lower," Dr. Benoit said.

"The only way that some optometrists have been able to stay afloat is with earnings from fitting eyeglasses and contact lenses, and by charging appropriate fees (usually about \$100) for non-OHIP-covered eye examinations (20 to 64 year-

olds with no serious medical or ocular conditions)," Dr. Benoit told the *Echo*.

The Ontario Association of Optometrists wants the government to cover the actual costs of delivery for subsidized eye examinations. Optometrists in the province are determined that the job action will carry out as long as it takes for their demands to be met.

"The harder we push, we're hoping the shorter the job action is. We don't want it to go on for very long," said Dr. Bhogal.

Optometrists have mixed emotions about the job action because they want to care for their patients.

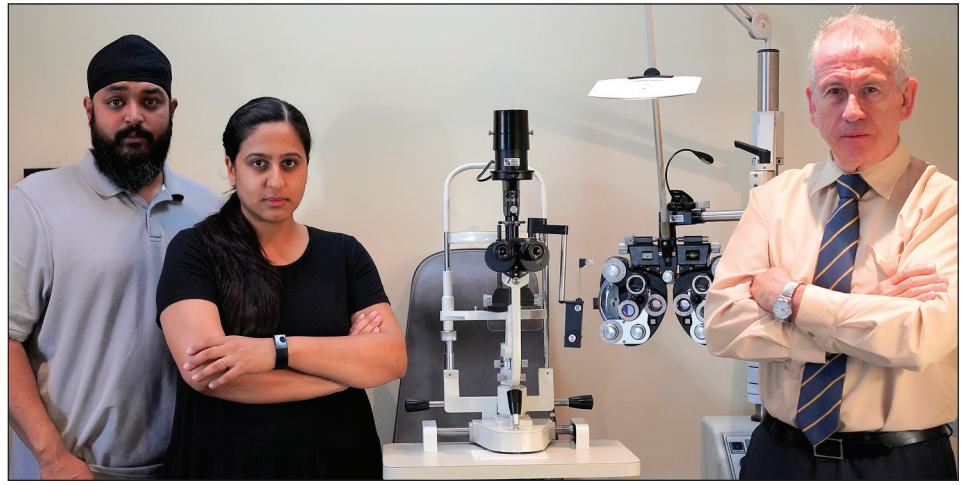
"It's mixed emotions, because we understand that there are people that only come in because their eye exam is covered. Those are all the vulnerable categories where things can often go wrong, so we definitely know that if it's not funded by the government, we're going to have a hard time getting those people in for regular checkups and things are going to go missed, and diseases are going to go on un-monitored," added Dr. Bhogal.

Both the OAO and its registered members are keen to press home the point that this financial disconnect has gone on for far too long, and, in our current climate, it just isn't feasible for the industry to essentially absorb 50 per cent of the cost of OHIP procedures moving forward.

"We want to raise awareness most of all. I think when people keep coming in to get a service, they take it for granted. Understand that if we actually want to keep our doors open, we can't keep charging what we charged about 30 years ago. I think now it's coming to the point where we're running into a loss. One could be an optometrist that is forced to close their doors, just because they're not getting the funding that they need to keep everything open," said Singh.

"We want to work with the government, to reach a solution. Let's keep providing this care, because down the road, if we don't take care of these people now, their eyesight is going to be bad in the future," Singh said.

Dr. Bhogal reiterated that optometrists



Dr. Bhogal, Singh, and Dr. Benoit, local optometrists will be taking part in a job action beginning September 1st that withdraws all OHIP-covered unless the province takes measures to provide adequate funding. /GRACE OBORNE Staff

are happy to come to the table and negotiate, stating a peaceful resolution benefits all parties.

"You know, we want to work with the government and we do really hope that they can come up with a solution with the

Association. We really don't want to lose the government funding for it, because we want to make sure everyone that needs eye care, gets eye care," added Dr. Bhogal.

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Grand opening celebration

Several local dignitaries were on hand at the brand new Haliburton Welcome Centre on Wednesday, Aug. 4 as Dysart et al celebrated the facility's grand opening. Haliburton-Kawartha-Lakes Brock MP Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott were on hand, so too was Dysart mayor Andrea Roberts and Ward 5 Coun. Walt McKechnie, as well as several representatives from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, including new president Heather Phillips and past presidents Ted Brandon and David Zilstra. The welcome centre is now open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. /MIKE BAKER Staff

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Keli is a one woman band. Production for Haliburton Clothing Company takes place in the basement of Keli's Haliburton home. /GRACE OBORNE Staff

Haliburton woman launches her locally-made clothing brand

GRACE OBORNE

Staff Reporter

Do what you love and love what you do. This is the concept that Keli Schmidt has applied to her day-to-day life.

Since moving to Haliburton in November 2020, Schmidt has taken her passions for sewing and fashion and created Haliburton Clothing Co., which launched on June 21.

For the 16 years prior to opening her own business, Schmidt worked as a freelance apparel developer in Toronto, where she had many loyal clients. COVID-19 made her and her husband's move to Haliburton easier as she realized that she could keep her clients by working remotely.

"COVID happened and we learned how to work remotely, so then that was part of what made it possible for us to move at this point. It made me feel confident that I would have work because my clients were already working remotely," said Schmidt.

One day Schmidt had been surfing Google and, while looking for a Haliburton clothing company, found there wasn't one. She was eager to make it happen.

"I've been around town and saw that there's a lot of printed apparel, but it's printed here, it's not actually made here. I think the hope was that there is a market here for people who want things that are 100 per cent made in Haliburton. So that was the first way I was imagining the HCC," noted Schmidt.

Haliburton Clothing Co. is founded and single-handedly run by Schmidt. It is a clothing line that is dedicated to providing Haliburton with a source for ethically manufactured sustainable clothing that is tailored to the Highlands' lifestyle.

The Haliburton life is what inspires Keli's designs.

"I'm making clothes for what I'm doing here. For example - in the city I never wore shorts. Now that I'm here, I wear shorts all the time, so I have to make shorts. My hoodies, they have longer sleeves because if you're sitting around the fire, you need to be able to pull your sleeves over your hands to protect them from mosquitoes," said Schmidt.

According to Schmidt, the HCC creates "high quality, field-tested tees and hoodies for men, women and kids, as well as summer and winter women's collections including dresses, tanks, pants, sweaters and panties."

Production, which includes design, pattern making, cutting, printing and assem-

bly, are all done in Schmidt's home based workshop just south of Haliburton Village. Schmidt is hoping to soon open her home to shoppers, by appointment only, and long-term she hopes to build an addition on her property for clients and customers to come spend time shopping.

"I am going to let people come shop here. This gives us a really nice opportunity to customize the clothes for clients, because now I'm here with you and not on Zoom. Eventually, a long-term plan is to build an addition that is a little nicer," said Schmidt.

Before then, Schmidt will begin showcasing her work and will have a little store at the Minden farmer's market for anyone to go and shop her brand. Schmidt will be set up at the market on Aug. 28, Sept. 11, and Sept. 25.

"I'll have the full collection there. I rigged up a change room at my booth, so people can try stuff on. I'm going to have a mirror and I'll be there with my pins and my measuring tape. I think that'll be a cool shopping opportunity, I hope," expressed Schmidt.

T-shirts and Hoodies are on display at the Rails End Gallery, which individuals can purchase.

Early in Schmidt's career, she was serving in restaurants until she was 25. Her first ever fashion show was at the restaurant she was working at and is what inspired her drive to work in the industry.

"I had to make a lot of new clothes, so everyone paid for their own fabric and the design was a collaborative process to make sure that they got a garment that they liked and then we did the fashion show. That was kind of the first step in me considering actually making this a career," said Schmidt.

In light of HCC's launch, there is a 10 per cent off offer on the website that will pop up once you open the link. Schmidt encourages individuals to take a look at the items because there is something for everyone.

Schmidt expressed her love for Haliburton and its community as she has felt overwhelmed with the love and support she has received.

"We've been really welcomed by everyone. The local arts community has been extremely welcoming, so we've just been really feeling the love. As much as we've been coming to visit, this place is way better than we thought it was now that we live here. I said to my husband before we moved up that my expectations were so high for this place, and now it's better than I ever could have imagined."

To browse HCC's website, visit www.haliburtonclothingco.com.



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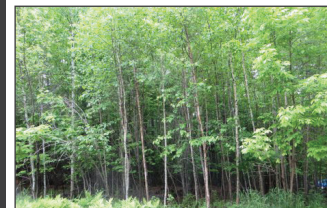
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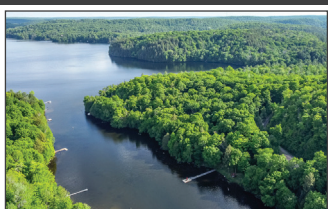
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Ursa Road \$250,000

- 43 acre hide-away, paved yr round road
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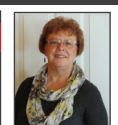
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TLDSB hires new superintendent of schools

MIKE BAKER
Editor

Trillium Lakelands District School Board is adding a new face to its leadership team, with Kim Williams set to take

on the role of superintendent of schools. Williams, a long-term secondary school principal who most recently worked at Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School (BMLSS), will replace Katherine MacIver, who recently left TLDSB to become Director of Education at Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board.

Wes Hahn, TLDSB Director of Education, said Williams would be a great addition to the school board's upper administration.

"Williams' approach to advancing student achievement, her commitment to inclusion of student and community voice, and her vision for the development of evidence-based school and system improvement planning will be an asset to the senior team," Hahn said. "Her experience and knowledge related to instructional leadership and, most recently with planning for destreaming, will be of great benefit to our students and our system."

With a career spanning back to 1992, Williams has taught in secondary schools around Ontario over a near 30-year career. She first joined TLDSB in 2003, serving as vice principal at Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute (LCVI). She transferred to BMLSS in 2005 and was promoted to principal at Huntsville High School in 2010. She would eventually transfer back to BMLSS in 2018, holding down the role of principal until this summer.

Williams will begin her new role, with



Kim Williams, a long time educator and secondary school principal, will take on her new position as a superintendent with Trillium Lakelands District School Board later this month. /Submitted photo.

responsibility for secondary school curriculum in mid-August.

"TLDSB is a strong board with staff who are committed to ensuring an inclusive and equitable learning environment for all students," Williams said. "I am excited for this opportunity to continue supporting staff and families to help students reach their potential."

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 30. Force unit
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 37. Morning
 38. Fiddler crabs
 39. Tell a story
 41. Consumed
 42. Atomic #58
 43. About old Norse poems
 44. Fencing swords
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 8. Midcentury newspaper columnist
 9. Weapon
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 19. Synthetic resin (abbr.)
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 24. Bestow an honor upon

25. Childishly silly
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35. Stephen King thriller
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56. Nostrils
57. Inner mass of some fungi
59. Honor lavishly
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Turn down
62. Small round mark
63. Expected at a certain time

Answers on page 14

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, August 14, 2021
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Harcourt Landfill, 1123 Packard Road, Harcourt

Valid Dysart landfill identification user cards must be shown at the gate.

To comply with COVID-19 safety protocols, you are not permitted to exit your vehicle at the hazardous waste drop off location. Please wear a face mask.
Event staff will unload your hazardous waste for you.

Accepted

Aerosol cans, solvents (varsol, paint thinners, etc.)

Automotive fluids

Auto batteries

Cleaners (bleach, oven cleaner, etc.)

Finishing products (varnish, glue, etc.)

Fluorescent and CFL light bulbs

Gasoline (containers NOT returned)

Household batteries

Paint (latex and oil)

Pesticides, herbicides, insecticides

Propane cylinders

Propane tanks

Pool chemicals

Motor oil (must be capped)

Not accepted

• Needles, Syringes, Lancets (Sharps) • PCBs • Radioactives • Pathological waste

Due to provincial regulations, these events are for **Dysart residents only**. **Hazardous waste is NOT accepted from businesses and organizations**, including builders, camps, charities, contractors, painting companies, places of worship, restaurants, retailers, schools, etc. **Businesses and organizations need to arrange private haulage and processing of hazardous waste.**

Dysart's upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Days
Saturday, September 18, 2021 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at West Guilford Landfill
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Mural fundraising efforts scoring big with local community

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The dream of adding Olympian Lesley Tashlin and Haliburton's first pro football player, Taly Williams to the wall of fame on the side of the A.J. LaRue Arena is getting closer to being realized.

Since early in the year, a Grade 7 and 8 French Immersion class at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School championed the addition of the two athletes, who are siblings, with a social media campaign (#OurMurality #HerTrackHisField) to bring light to the issue of their exclusion from the wall of fame, and then successfully lobbied council for approval of the murals.

Now after close to a month of fundraising through Dysart Township and through GoFundMe, there has been \$19,060 collected from the many people and organizations in the community that were touched by the story.

The class teacher Marina Thomazo, who has been key to the effort, said she isn't surprised by the support, which is close to two-thirds of the \$30,000 goal to finance the murals. She hopes to reach the goal in time for the murals to be completed this year.

"This story has touched so many people, so I am not surprised to see people contributing to the cause," she said.

Williams, who resides in the US, said the fundraising committee has been doing "an amazing job."

He adds he will continue to share the story about this effort and ask friends and colleagues to donate what they can.

"Things are very tight financially for many and COVID continues to present hurdles. COVID practically shut down my business completely over here in the US, so I understand the struggle. But of course, we also have this internal battle over here about whether the coronavirus is a hoax and whether you are infringing on people's rights if you require them to wear a mask to enter a building," he wrote.

To donate through GoFundMe see ca.gofundme.com/f/help-students-fund-murals-for-tashlin-williams or <http://hertrackhisfield.ca>.

Donations can also be made to the township and a charitable donation receipt will be given for donations of more than \$50. Send a cheque to Dysart et al, or make an e-transfer to the town. Send e-transfer funds to ar@dysart.ca. Use the question: What is the code for the mural wall? Contact Cindy Watson at the municipal office at

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— Marina Thomazo

Grade 7/8 French Immersion Teacher at JDH

705-457-1740 ext. 630 for the password. Write: 'Mural Wall donation' in the comment section. Once the e-transfer is complete send second email to ar@dysart.ca with full name and street address plus a P.O. Box, if applicable, so a charitable donation receipt can be issued.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, August 24, 2021**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 2, Concession 3, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey made by **Greg Bishop Surveying And Consulting Ltd.**, dated **August 14, 2020**.

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or email the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 3rd day of August, 2021.

ROBYN ROGERS, MUNICIPAL CLERK
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Haliburton and District Lions Club presents stories in the park

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Staff Reporter

There is always an opportunity to serve others, and the Haliburton District Lions Club's motto embraces that very ideology.

The club's very first Stories in the Park Fun Fair took place last summer. The idea was to provide a fun day in the park for children and families after a long, hard year dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. It was also an opportunity to put new books in the hands of children.

With great success and appreciation from the community last year, the Lions are eager to put on another fun day again this summer. On Aug. 27 from noon to 2 p.m., children and families are welcomed to join others at Head Lake park in Haliburton.

Individuals will be able to participate in low-impact, non-competitive games. There will be a bean bag toss, a fish pond, sidewalk chalk games, mini putt, ladder toss games, and many more. Every child will also be given a free book and will be able to indulge in a free hotdog lunch with popcorn and juice boxes.

The Haliburton community has been extremely supportive. In the past, OPP have come to meet the kids and to show the kids their vehicles. EMS and their ambulances, as well as firemen and their trucks have all come out for the kids as well. The Haliburton District Lions Club is enthusiastic the same will happen this summer.

"We'd like to make it a community

event as best we can," said Gail Stelter, the coordinator and chair.

"The fact that the Stories in the Park Fun Fair is free, is very important. This is for all kids and all families in our community, and we know that not all families can, especially during COVID times, go to Canada's Wonderland and other such places. It is important that families can have something that they can do and they don't have to think about the money and can just think about coming and having fun, meeting friends and neighbours and enjoying themselves for an afternoon," said Stelter.

In light of serving others in the community, Haliburton District Lions Club is a service organization. They're a not-for-profit organization and have different avenues of service.

"One service is to help others to do service projects in the community, to support people in need. The service is to raise funds, so that we can do all that. The Haliburton Lions raise money to give it away. We don't keep anything, everything we raise goes back into the community so that we can do our service projects," said Stelter.

The idea to put on the fun fair came from literacy and Stelter's passion for it.

"I think one of the inspiring ideas for this, is the reading action program. It is a program that is very dear to our hearts, and it's a program where we seek to improve literacy in our area. One of the ways we like to do that is by putting new books in the hands of children, so we were inspired to think about how can we have a fun day for kids but at the same time promote literacy."

"Literacy is one of the most important things we do for our children. Children who read, think; children who read, do better in school; children who read, enjoy life, they can go to different places through books. The whole world is open to them through books. So it is very important that we find ways to support literacy in our own community. That is what drives me. Also, what's important, are the families. There are a lot of things for families to do in the world. But a lot of things cost money, we want to provide a free, fun, lunch hour event for them," Stelter added.

Stories in the Park is looking for volunteers who will come out for a couple of hours to help with the children's games. There are currently about 15, but are in need of about 30 volunteers.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for us to serve. We invite everyone to come out and have a great afternoon with us. We'd also like anyone who might be considering becoming a Lion, to come out, see what we do, meet us, and have some fun with us," concluded Stelter.

For more information about Stories in the Park or to volunteer for the event, email Stelter at gatesstelter@gmail.com.



Record-setting event

Above, a volunteer collects money during the Haliburton and District Lions Club voluntary Toll Bridge fundraiser on Saturday, July 31 in Haliburton. The fundraiser, which helps community efforts in communities in Haliburton, Stanhope, West Guilford Cardiff and Wilberforce, set a new record by collecting \$7,800, beating the previous high of \$6,000 set in 2019. /DARREN LUM Staff

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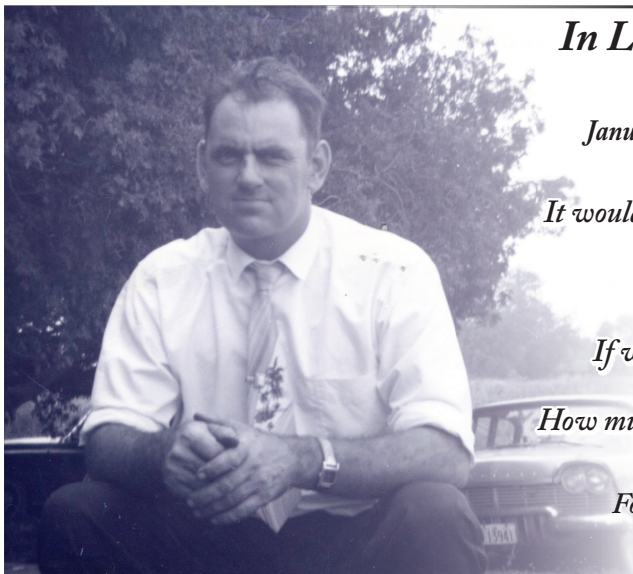
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In accordance with Jean's wishes, a private family service will take place at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

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Born and raised in Amherst, Nova Scotia, Barrie distinguished himself in a province-wide high school math contest, which led to an electrical engineering degree at McGill. That was just the start of his travels, as Barrie joined Bell Canada, initially working up in Frobisher Bay on Baffin Island. He met his wife, an American flight attendant, when she was on a layover in Ottawa, beginning a whirlwind romance that saw them making their first home there. Both free spirits, they would move their family to Sudbury, then Mississauga. From there they embarked on a five year adventure working for Bell International in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, which allowed them to travel the world together. Upon their return to Mississauga, Barrie's love of family, dogs, sailing, and the Canadian wilderness meant much time indulging in all the above on his sailboat in Georgian Bay. He also took on challenges bigger than himself, generously making time to volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society. His continued love of the outdoors led to a retirement in Haliburton, where he would hike with his dog, no matter the weather. Barrie & Lindy's curiosity about the world spurred their involvement with Friendship Force, where they shared their love of Ontario's cottage country while hosting families from all over the world, and were in turn guests in homes across several continents. His tireless energy, his acerbic wit, and most of all, his love, will be sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers the family asks donations to be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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Honk if you support the Frost

Car horns punctuate Friday's protest

IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Staff Reporter

A community came together on Friday evening to protest the closing of the Leslie M. Frost Centre, which is slated to permanently shut its doors today after an 83-year history.

An estimated 250 people attended the protest waving placards, beating drums, singing songs, and sharing memories of a place dear to the heart of the surrounding communities.

Their message to the Ministry of Natural Resources, which was plainly expressed on the placard of one eight-year old, was simple: keep talking.

The Ministry decided to close the Frost Centre with no warning and no public consultation process, giving staff only one week's notice.

The speed and secrecy of the decision prompted the successful protest Friday night in front of the Minden MNR office.

Protest organizers said the community is only asking that the ministry postpone the closure date to allow more time for discussion and negotiation.

During the protest, speakers could scarcely be heard because passing cars were constantly

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Dysart to build new doctors' clinic

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

A new home for Haliburton's Family Medical Centre and doctors' offices will be constructed on two acres of municipally owned property adjacent to the hospital.

Dysart et al council was presented with two different private/public proposals for the construction of a new medical clinic from Dr. Daniel Perlitz's Dravidian Management Ltd and from Peter Curry. Reeve Murray Fearrey says the council also obtained estimates from two engineering firms regarding what it would cost the municipality to build a clinic.

The decision for the council to proceed with the construction of a private clinic was made in



Rather than buy into Dan Perlitz's plan for a medical centre, Dysart et al has decided to build its own facility on land it owns next to the Haliburton Hospital.

closed session yesterday due to reasons of property, personnel and money. Fearrey talked to the *Echo* after the closed session.

He says that council, with the exception of councillor Bob Nichol, agreed to turn down the two private proposals. He says

the municipality can erect a facility of similar size to that which Perlitz and Curry were proposing at the same approximate cost of \$100 per square foot for a total of approximately \$2 million. There is enough space on the existing two acres for the project. The next step will be to tender the project and get drawings of a proposed building.

Fearrey says there will be retail space in the building used to offset costs but nothing that will "strip business from downtown." They are in negotiations and he is not at liberty to reveal the potential retailers.

The doctors will be given use of the space for the cost of utilities and other expenses but they will not be responsible for the

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Fantastic opportunity! Solid quality construction. Exceptional view of the lake from most rooms, the screened-in porch, and the full-length deck which spans across the front of the cottage. Large open concept kitchen, living room and dining room, 2 spacious bdrms and 2 baths, and 9ft ceilings throughout. 118.31 feet of clean rock and sand shoreline, large dock, sitting area on shore and big lake views!

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This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. Built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck.

HIGHWAY 118 \$575,000



Private year-round home situated on 10 acres. Located 15 minutes to the towns of Minden and Haliburton. This is a great home for a large family. 4 bdrms, 3 baths, and large rec room. Hardwood and laminate flooring and custom kitchen. Open concept living room and dining room with walkout to the large deck. Large 2 storey shed is ideal for the handyman, artist or just storage.

COPE LAKE ROAD \$575,000



Looking for privacy? Then this 2+1 bdrm, 2 bath home or home away from home is for you! Nestled amongst 7.85 acres of nicely treed property with a small stream and crown land across the road. Municipal access to pretty Cope Lake just down the road. Warm and cozy main living area with walkout to the deck. Open concept kitchen and dining area with ample natural lighting. Very well constructed and efficient home with many recent upgrades.

CONTAU LAKE \$535,000



This stunning 8.38ac parcel of land features 864 ft of frontage and Southeastern exposure. Surrounded by mature trees with plenty of cleared land for privacy and quiet living. Perfectly nestled amongst the trees is a 3 bdrm traditional log cottage. This three-season cottage has a dug well (not currently operational) and cistern, a small single detached garage/ workshop, woodshed, and ample storage space in shed.

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